

OLD MAN, THOUGHT RICH, IS TORTURED

"Hidden Wealth" Demanded of Portland Recluse-Laborer by Masked Men.

HOT POKERS INFLICT BRAND

In Lonely Cabin, Ventura Battone Is Beaten Unconscious When He Insists He Is Poor Man—Robbers Take Victim's Last Dime.

Because he could not tell the location of hidden wealth which he did not possess, Ventura Battone, an elderly Italian laborer, was tortured with hot pokers and beaten into insensibility, in his lonely cabin on the South Portland hills, by three masked men, Monday night.

Recovering consciousness yesterday morning, the injured man dragged himself to the house of a neighbor and gave the alarm. The police were notified and Battone was sent to St. Vincent's Hospital.

Few details of the crime could be given by the victim, and Detectives Mallet and Hammerley, who were assigned to the case, found little to work upon when they visited Battone yesterday.

It appears that there has been an impression among the neighbors that Battone, who lived at Twelfth and Woods streets all alone and supported himself by doing odd jobs, had a hoard of secreted wealth. He was alone in his house, according to his statement, Monday about 7:30 P. M., when three men entered the house and demanded that he tell them where he kept his money hidden.

He told them he was a poor man and had no money, but they refused to believe him and after repeated efforts to persuade him to tell, they turned to the police and advanced upon him with their still. He insisted that he had no money, whereupon they prodded him with the hot pokers, inflicting severe burns on his back and feet.

Finding this torture ineffective, the thugs finished by striking the old man repeatedly, until he fell insensible. He knew no more until day broke yesterday. Then, still in extreme pain, he hobbled to the home of Mike Benga, where he received medical attention.

Battone observed only one of his assailants closely, the others keeping in the background. He has supplied the police with meager description. He says that the men appeared to be native Americans, as they conversed fluently in English.

Before leaving their victim, the thugs rifled his pockets and obtained 10 cents, which was all the money he had. No trace of the intruders was seen in the neighborhood, so far has been reported, the vicinity being sparsely settled.

W. E. TYRRELL KILLS SELF

Clerk in British Consulate Here Ends Life With Bullet.

As the result, it is believed, of his grief over the death of James Laidlaw, ex-British Consul, W. E. Tyrrell, for ten years a clerk in the Consulate, shot himself here at 10:30 A. M. Monday night. News of his death reached Portland yesterday. He had gone to the country for a week to recuperate.

Mr. Tyrrell, prior to taking service with the British Consul, was for 24 years a clerk for the O. W. R. & N. Company. He was born in England and was 53 years of age. His wife and son perished some years ago in the wreck of the steamer South Portland, off the Oregon coast. The only known relative here was Mrs. Williams, a cousin, who left yesterday with Acting Consul Bernays to take charge of the body.

JOINT RATES OBTAINED

New Arrangement Is Benefit to Monroe Merchants.

Having completed its tracks into Monroe the Portland, Eugene & Eastern Railway Company is now operating steam trains over the line from Corvallis to Monroe and yesterday secured joint freight rates with the Southern Pacific Company between Portland and Monroe, via Corvallis. All freight for the Monroe district heretofore has gone in by way of Harrisburg, from which point trains were used for transportation purposes. The new rates will mean a saving to Monroe merchants of from \$1.50 to \$2 a ton.

The Corvallis-Monroe division is the first section of the Portland, Eugene & Eastern to serve the public. It was formerly known as the Purchasing & Alsea Railroad. After purchasing the latter—the road was entirely reconstructed.

BOHEMIA HOP DUTY BIG

Oregon Crop Held at 18 Cents and Duty on Others 16 Cents.

On a shipment of Bohemia hops that passed through the Custom-house yesterday a weight of 11,494 pounds, the Government collected duty in the sum of \$132 on a basis of 16 cents a pound. The hops were imported for brewing purposes.

The shipment came via Vancouver, Me., and by rail to this city. The market value of the hops is placed at 60 cents a pound here. Oregon hops are worth about 18 cents and are regarded as not so good as the Bohemia product, but at the same time they are required to mix with Oregon hops for brewing purposes. The limited supply and choice grade account for the premium paid.

"AUTOMOBILE CARS" MADE

Great Northern Installs 1500 for Benefit of Dealers.

Automobiles, like livestock, fruit and other "delicate" commodities, now move in cars especially designed for them. Portland automobile dealers are watching with much interest the introduction by the Great Northern of more than 150 "automobile cars" on their system. These cars were built along specifications laid down by the manufacturers and dealers. They have open ends, as well as side doors of extra width. They are high enough to permit two tiers of cars to be placed therein.

The camera is of great value in training students to point out the defects in the

NOTABLE PROGRAMME TO BE HEARD WHEN FAMOUS SONGSTRESS APPEARS.



MADAME NORDICA, WHO WILL SING TONIGHT AT THE HELIG THEATER.

NORDICA SINGS TONIGHT

PROGRAMME ARRANGED FOR HELIG VARIED.

Celebrated Student of Song Literature Carries Operatic Atmosphere Into Concerts.

It will be a notable programme offered by Madame Nordica at her concert tonight at the Helig Theater. This superb artist is known as one of the greatest students of song literature in the world, and her programme for this evening is widely varied. The concert platform seems to have a chilling effect on the majority of operatic stars, after the stage with its illusions and scenic accessories, and they are frequently disappointed in this environment, but Madame Nordica shines as brightly in concert as in opera. She is too great an artist not to feel what she sings, and with her feeling must be expressed, in movement, face and gesture, as well as voice; she aids the conventions of the concert platform and her songs are acted as well as sung. Assisting Madame Nordica will be William Morse Rummel, violinist, and Romayne Simmons, pianist. Following is the programme:

- Part I.
 - (a) Præcludium and allegro. Pugnani-Kreisel
 - (b) Chanson Louis XIII and Pavane. Mr. Rummel
 - (c) When Cherries Bloomed. Mr. Rummel
 - (d) At the Feast of the Dead. Mr. Rummel
 - (e) Dances. Wokoffe-Cadman
 - (f) Dances. Schumann
 - (g) Dances. Schumann
 - (h) Berceuse. Madame Nordica
 - (i) Mazurka. Mr. Rummel
 - (j) Arlette. Mr. Rummel
 - (k) Mandoline. Debussy
 - (l) Chanson. Madame Nordica

- Part II.
 - (a) Monest Musical. Schubert
 - (b) Hungarian Dance. Brahms-Jaschmi
 - (c) The Nile. Mr. Rummel
 - (d) Elizabeth's Aria from "Tannhauser". Wagner
 - (e) Caprice Viennois. Kreisler
 - (f) Introduction and Scherzo. Sarasate
 - (g) The Zephyr and the Rose. Bleichman
 - (h) Am Mazurka. Mr. Rummel
 - (i) Spring Lullaby. Arensky
 - (j) Springtime. Rachmaninoff
 - (k) Springtime. Rachmaninoff
 - (l) Springtime. Rachmaninoff

The Erl-King. Schubert

Doors open at 7:45 o'clock. Concert begins at 8:00. Motors and carriages at 10:30.

OREGON IS WELL KNOWN

EASTERNERS LOOK UPON STATE WITH FAVOR.

Method of Advertising and Panama Canal Attract Much Attention, Says E. C. Giltner.

"Anyone who says that Oregon is not known well and favorably in the cities of the East is certainly mistaken," says E. C. Giltner, who returned yesterday from Washington, D. C., where he represented the Portland Chamber of Commerce and the West Coast Lumbermen's Association at the first annual convention of the Chamber of Commerce of the United States in Washington.

"I found in every city which I visited that there is no other state in the Western half of the United States, with the possible exception of California, that has been more widely or more favorably advertised than Oregon, or is looked upon as a state more advantageously situated with regard to the distribution of natural resources."

"You've got everything in the world that goes to make a great city about Portland," was the remark of a man in Baltimore to me. By the way, he is contemplating coming to Oregon and going into business in Portland in the near future. There is no reason," he said, later in our conversation, why Portland should not be the greatest city on the Pacific Coast, barring none."

The publicity methods of Portland and Oregon were warmly praised by secretaries of scores of commercial organizations of the East, with whom Mr. Giltner became acquainted in Washington.

The literature sent out from the Chamber of Commerce and the pub-

PRECEDENT IS CREATED

District Attorney Objects to Allowing of Two Divorces.

District Attorney Evans created what Judge Morrow declares is a precedent yesterday when he entered written objection to decrees of divorce being allowed in two default cases in which the testimony was heard last Friday. Judge Morrow refused to make public the titles of the cases, stating that he will not do so until the District Attorney's objections have been met or sustained.

Deputy District Attorney Dempsey, who was in court last week on behalf of the state when default divorces were being heard, does not believe that the testimony in the two cases in question was sufficient to justify the court in allowing decrees.

ROAD TO BE ELECTRIFIED

Mt. Hood Line Between Montavilla and Gresham to Be Improved.

Nine miles of the Mount Hood line of the Portland Railway, Light & Power Company, or that portion of it between Montavilla and Gresham, will be electrified this year, in accordance with the plans made when the property was taken over.

Plans for this work have been completed and material for construction has been ordered. The cost of electrification probably will be \$50,000.

The Mount Hood line originally was designed as an electrical road, but since completion of the tracks between Montavilla and Bull Run it has been operated as a steam road.

MAN BEATEN MAY SURVIVE

Victim of Attack Regains Consciousness at Hospital.

The condition of Achiel Dhaemen, a car inspector who was beaten almost to death by two men on Sunday evening, is somewhat improved, and there is a fair chance of his recovery. He rested more easily at the Good Samaritan Hospital yesterday, and at times was able to speak, but he had still only vague ideas of the occurrence and his mind gave way whenever he attempted to recall the happenings of the night.

Dhaemen was found at the terminal yards on Seventh and Northrup streets unconscious as the result of injuries to his head inflicted with a shovel.

Nellis was much interested in Aunt Mary's chandelier and when she went home, she exclaimed: "Oh, mother, I do wish we had a place for a lamp to rest on. Aunt Mary has!"—Sacred Heart Review.

YEE GUENG PLANS TO ASK FOR PARDON

After 5 Years in County Jail Chinaman to Plead Guilty to Manslaughter.

NEW TRIAL LONG DELAYED

Oriental Convicted of Murder in 1908 Tong War Falls in Health and Will Go Free Under Big Bond Awaiting Sentence.

Preliminary to beseeching Governor West for a pardon, Yee Gueng, for nearly five years an inmate of the County Jail under a charge of murder in the first degree, will plead this morning guilty to a charge of manslaughter and be released on furnishing a surety bond of \$5000 guaranteeing his appearance in Judge Morrow's Court at the end of 30 days to receive sentence.

Yee Gueng was convicted of murder in the first degree in 1908, but in December, 1910, the Supreme Court of Oregon found that he had not received a fair trial and reversed the conviction. This prevented the imposition of the penalty of death by hanging, the only one possible under the law, to which Yee Gueng was sentenced by Judge Bronough.

The Chinaman has never been brought up for a second trial, the reason being that Lem Wood, who was charged jointly with Yee Gueng with the murder of Lee Tai Hoy, in the Portland Chinatown, on March 7, 1905, during the Tong war, on some dispute, has appealed to the Supreme Court of the United States, where his case is still pending. Lem Wood also was convicted and sentenced to hang. The Oregon Supreme Court denied him a new trial and he appealed to the United States Supreme Court.

The ground of the appeal is the fact that he was tried on an information after the people had voted through the initiative a constitutional amendment requiring indictment in every case. Information was filed previous to the enactment of the constitutional amendment, requiring indictments, and Ralph E. Moody, attorney for Lem Wood, contends that he should have been indicted before being brought to trial, the trial occurring after the adoption of the amendment. Should this view be upheld, it would result in the immediate liberation of all prisoners now serving time at the Penitentiary who were convicted under similar circumstances. The Oregon Supreme Court refused to uphold it.

Frank T. Collier, a former Deputy District Attorney, now represents Yee Gueng. Yesterday he secured the consent of District Attorney Evans to the proposition that Lem Wood plead guilty to manslaughter and that sentence be deferred for 30 days, Yee Gueng to be allowed his liberty on \$5000 bond in the meantime. The 30 days will be used in bringing the facts of the case to the attention of Governor West and enlisting his sympathy in favor of the Chinaman. The maximum sentence which could be imposed is from one to 15 years in the Penitentiary, the law being that a prisoner is eligible to parole at the termination of the minimum of his sentence.

Prisoner's Health Falls. One reason for seeking the release of Yee Gueng at this time is his poor physical condition. His eyes are troubling him and his general health is bad. Only once has he been in the open air since his arrest and that was about a year ago when prisoners were moved from the old county Jail to Kelly Butte when the jail was demolished to make way for the new wing of the new Courthouse. On that occasion he collapsed once and was unable to walk more than a few hundred feet without resting. He is greeting his prospects of liberty with great joy and enthusiasm, declaring that he is willing to take a chance on tong

vengeance in preference to remaining longer within the narrow confines of a cell.

Circuit Judge McGinn, who was one of the attorneys for Yee Gueng, declared that there was no direct evidence connecting him with the commission of the crime. He was convicted as an accomplice, having been found near the scene of the murder with a loaded revolver in his possession, but has always stoutly maintained and still maintains his innocence. Lem Wood was convicted as the actual murderer.

AID TO FARMERS INDORSED

Commercial Club Supports Bills for O. A. C. Extension Work.

To its indorsement of Senate bill 73, the legislative committee of the Portland Commercial Club, which is working in support of the extension of farm demonstration work under the direction of the Oregon Agricultural College, has added its indorsement of House bill 270, as a measure in accord with the general movement for which they are working.

The resolution to this effect has been passed and active work is to be done in Salem by members of the committee in behalf of the bill.

The text of the resolution is: Whereas the Farmers Union has favored a bill known as H. B. 270, introduced by Representative Mitchell, of Baker County, in the interests of the county poor farms as demonstration farms and providing means for counties operating demonstration farms, and

Whereas this bill fits admirably into the plan embodied in S. B. 72 for extending the Agricultural College work into the several counties of the state and providing for the same in said counties under the direction of said college;

Therefore be it resolved by this committee that we heartily indorse the principles behind H. B. 270 and recommend its passage to the legislature with S. B. 72; and

Be it further resolved, that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Representatives of the Farmers Union, and to the Governor, as an assurance of the desire of this committee to co-operate with them in the interest of the agricultural development of Oregon.

ROTARY CLUB WILL ELECT

Directors for Year to Be Named at Annual Business Meet.

Directors of the Portland Rotary Club, to serve for the year, will be elected at the annual banquet and business meeting of the organization in the Commercial Club, at 8 o'clock Tuesday night. Nominations for directors were announced at the weekly luncheon yesterday. After the election the new directors will immediately hold a business meeting and will select the president, vice-president and secretary-treasurer for the ensuing year.

Nominees as announced by the committee yesterday and nominated from the floor are: M. N. Dana, G. L. Baker, Ambrose Cronin, R. R. Denny, J. H. Joyce, W. A. Knight, J. M. A. Laue, T. W. Reed, F. C. Riggs, E. M. White, J. L. Wright, R. G. Holman, J. A. Curry, L. A. Colton, R. W. Raymond, H. P. Coffin, A. S. Pattullo, S. S. Hewitt, E. A. Vaughn, Dwight Edwards, R. R. Roulledge, William Young, M. G. Winstock, H. P. Palmer, William Whitfield and F. T. Rodgers.

A resolution was adopted at the meeting yesterday urging that in the selection of architects for the designing of Oregon buildings at the exposition in California preference be given to architects residing and working in Oregon.

Speakers of the day were E. E. O'Neill and W. F. Thompson.

SIG CAPLAN GETS PAROLE

Man Under Five-Year Sentence to Report Once a Month.

Sig Caplan, proprietor of a poolroom on First street, in South Portland, received a sentence of five years in the penitentiary and a parole from Circuit Judge Davis yesterday, when he entered a plea of guilty to an indictment charging the passing of a bad check for \$24 on Olds, Wortman & King. He purchased a shirt for \$1.50 and took the rest in cash. The parole was granted at the solicitation of District Attorney Evans, who informed the court that prominent citizens had spoken in favor of the young man and that an uncle had promised to look after him.

Caplan must report every month to the District Attorney's office. He is 25 years old and has been married two

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years. W. A. Surke, his attorney, declared that he had spent the money secured from bad checks, of which he passed three or four, in paying the rent for his flat and poolroom and a balance due for pool tables.

FRIENDS PAY LAST TRIBUTE

Funeral of Mrs. Clara L. F. Hurlburt Takes Place.

The funeral of Mrs. Clara L. Falles Hurlburt, wife of Thomas M. Hurlburt, city engineer, took place yesterday at the home, 189 East Fourteenth street, in the presence of friends of the family. Acting Mayor Baker, members of the City Council, and other officials attended the services. Rev. Delmar H. Trimble, pastor of Centenary Methodist Church, delivered the sermon. Miss M. Foster sang two solos.

The house was decorated with many floral tributes that had been sent by friends. Mrs. Hurlburt was a member of Martha Washington Chapter, No. 14, Order of Eastern Star, and grand marshal of the Oregon Chapter, member Mount Hood Circle, Women of Woodcraft, and the Sons and Daughters of Indian War Veterans, and all were represented.

The pall bearers were A. E. Hammond, J. W. McGregor, Charles E. Holtgreve, C. J. Littlejohn, J. C. Carter and J. H. Richmond. Burial was at Columbia Masonic Cemetery, where the services of the order of Eastern Star were conducted by Martha Washington Chapter, No. 14, Order of Eastern Star, and grand marshal of the Oregon Chapter, member Mount Hood Circle, Women of Woodcraft, and the Sons and Daughters of Indian War Veterans, and all were represented.

Mrs. Hurlburt was born and raised in Portland. She was 49 years old. She is survived by a widow, Thomas Hurlburt, and three sons, Raymond, Rodney and Ralph Hurlburt.

OATH QUESTION IS DECIDED

Judge Rules Witness May Raise Left Hand to Be Sworn.

To substantiate his contention that it is not necessary for a witness to raise his right hand in preference to his left in being sworn, Circuit Judge McGinn yesterday traced the history of the oath back through the Oregon code and English common law decisions to the Book of Revelations, finally deciding that it makes no difference which hand is used in the damage suit of John Lauer, a minor, who was suing the Modern Confectionery Company for damages for the mangling of his arm in a candy machine. When called to the stand he was unable to raise his right hand and Judge McGinn permitted him to use his left. Attorney Wilbur, for the defense, objected and the Judge spent the next three hours looking up the law, the trial continuing in the meantime.

The verdict of the jury in the case before Judge McGinn was \$5000 in favor of the plaintiff. Physicians swore that it will be necessary to amputate his arm. He sued for \$20,000 through Addie Lauer, his mother and guardian ad litem.

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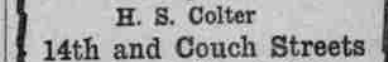
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